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MISCARRIED LOVE

I Have over the years of my own life investigated, analysed and experienced factors that propel relationships to both success and failure.

We cannot shy away from the fact that we are all products of relationships. These primary people that we are products of, have some level of influence on how we view love and relationship. On a broader scale, society, our role models, religion and educational institutions play an active role in defining our relationships.

Like any other book following my world-acclaimed book, “Umjolo Masimba”, so is this book heavy, authentic and therapeutic by nature.

A canoe moves faster when the paddling is coordinated by a shared vision or desire. Off course! Waves will rise but with our agreement followed by our directed efforts, we will make it to still waters.

What really makes many optimistic lovers miss their relationships is outlined in the next few chapters.

Love is beyond carnality. It is spirit and therefore will require both partners to acquire virtues, mostly through suffering. The suffering in love isn't poverty but rather dying to self-control, contentment, temperance gentleness and selflessness. These are not natural to the heart. These qualities are premeditated and require constant indulgence into themselves.

The person you are holistically, is what you bring into a relationship. Are you healthy or toxic?

Can one really be sure about who to marry? Signs do not lie, especially if you read them with enough caution.

Choose a partner in full awareness of your character, vision and mission. Be sure that you are also able to complement theirs.

You can start relationships with people who are genuinely happy despite everything that life has to throw at them. Some people look happy from a distance but they are not happy when you get to date them.

The partner that you choose will rub off on you everything they are. You are most vulnerable with the person you love.

Many women are single and will die as single parents because of their desire to want to control men as mentioned by God Almighty in the book of Genesis. It is in a woman to want to get all over your head as a man. Until you as a woman discover that dysfunction in you and keep it captive to truth, you will spoil all your relationships. Men tend to look for submissive women and submission doesn't make you inferior. You will desire a man but at the same time, you will want to control him which is contrary to his ruling position given to him by God Almighty. Until you comprehend your dysfunction fully as well as its effects on your partner, you will keep on changing men. A man is a king, he didn't appoint himself as one instead he was given that position by God Almighty.

As a man, it is pivotal for us to have partners that see our invisible tears, see opportunities in our difficulties and hear our silent utterances. There are days where we have it extremely tough.

The qualities you would like in a partner are the same qualities someone else may dislike in a partner. Someone once said, "When you date a person, you are going to find out why they are single in the first place".

Mates selected and accepted out of lust, desperation, monetary gain, authoritative influences and peer pressure rather than careful judgment produce catastrophic results.

Compromising the criteria is compromising the quality of life you envision with your future spouse. Compromises backfire harshly. Better search and wait than to settle for misery.

It's not a cheating problem but rather a contentment problem. Cheating is a by-product of discontentment. Discontentment is a heart issue. It is not sufficient for a man to say that a woman is the love of his life unless that man acknowledges her in his own heart as the woman of his contentment other than that he is just reading a script written by ancient liars.

A genuine relationship is about loving someone even when the feelings of liking them are gone for a season to only return in another.

Love in relationships cannot co-exist with selfishness. If you are selfish then you are going to frustrate love. Love in relationships is pleasurable only when you die to self so that love may build itself in you. Other than that you will not have worthwhile love experiences.

We would have less trouble and be less troublesome in relationships if we really pursued God Almighty individually and as lovers. “Self” has always been the root cause of most failed relationships. Unless the "I" and "me" die to “us" and "we" - failure is inevitable.

Love and relationship will bring you head-on with that person's struggle with sin and so will yours be evident. There is a lot of grace to be given when it comes to genuine love.

Learning to clear all unproven assumptions with each other is a mark of maturity.

The first height of your spirituality can greatly be reached in your singleness, the second height can be reached if you marry a genuinely God-fearing partner.

Men are problem solvers by nature. The control

freakiness in women always wants to control how we solve those problems.

Many women are found by good man but are later dumped by these men. Why? These women tend to want to change the good man. The lady's influence on the good man becomes toxic and evil.

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PRE-LOSS

A relationship dies long before it can even begin. Why? The factors that contribute to the pre-loss of a relationship will be outlined in the next chapters.

-Chapter 1-

FUNDAMENTALS OF RECIPROCITY

It is typical of women to be parasitic, forever demanding and be expectant of exactly what they wouldn't give to a man.

An extensive amount of men are suffocating in relationships and marriages as their women are only at the receiving end without even the tiniest form of loyalty or reciprocation.

Women will always stress out about how men are not doing the little things while they aren't willing to understand and implement the love languages that are understood and appreciated by men. Women are entitled and they are never brought to the same level of accountability as men for failed relationships and marriages.

To spend money on a man she is in a relationship with is most women's last priority. Preparing a special dinner for him is seen as desperation to keep him. And on days when he is down and out she will expect him not to be

sorrowful but to keep a strong head and not shed a tear as if he is made of iron. Bottom line is, men need assurance, affirmation and encouragement. There is a little boy in every man that a woman must kindly and seductively speak to. Have you noticed how the Proverbs 31 woman was kind and highly esteemed her husband? Home to any man is where there is respect, food, constructive conversations, sexual adventure, random spoils and peace.

You do find foolish man who don't appreciate reciprocal women. These men will fight women for being reciprocally active while they'll be complaining in men gatherings about how unappreciative their women are. Some women in relationships are so forward in such a way that they lack the proper approach to encourage a man to initiate things at her fast-paced level. These women tend to be the “Hai, chommie, he's too slow for me” type.

A very interesting couple caught my eyes once. The man excelled in doing the little things such as giving her attention, buying her flowers twice a month and little treats on her menstruation days, organising random picnics, driving her to work and giving her money

randomly. The woman also matched his energy. She took him to his favourite restaurant, bought fuel for him, met him halfway with some of his expenses, gave him money, organized vacations ,fixed random dinners, spiced up their sex life with lingerie, greeted him with a kiss every morning and encouraged him whenever he was down and out .

Tell me, why wouldn't the above partnership and friendship survive till death? If one of them died, the remaining partner would have a very high qualifying standard because of the blissful love he or she experienced with their partner, right?

You want the same reciprocal love but you are not willing to deal with your self-centeredness, past relationship traumas and your insecurities.

Familiarize yourself with how your potential partner would like his or her initiatives to be reciprocated by you. Simply ask with the intention to implement.

-Chapter 2-

UNCOMFORTABLE QUESTIONS

As fun as it may seem, prospective partners don't like being asked uncomfortable questions. Some prospective partners aren't healed and aren't emotionally intelligent to discuss unpleasant experiences that took place in their lives. They would rather end the talking stage than to share important information about themselves.

Some prospective partners will wait until you are in a relationship with them to tell you about their health status and about tragic events in their lives. Why? Rejection! People are not honest about their lives because they fear being rejected by someone they truly like and want.

-Chapter 3-

A LOVE THAT HAS NO FRIENDSHIP

Nothing makes a man feel vulnerable and secured at the same time like knowing that he has a trustworthy and reliable friend in his woman.

Friendship does not just proceed after qualifying each other, it is built by both lovers as they understand its endless value.

Unless the friendship is based on honesty, selflessness and trust, it will not stand the test of time.

A successful family unit requires friendship between both lovers.

Friendship is a place of growth, fun, pleasure and purpose. Finding someone to grow within all the aspects of your life with and to have unlimited fun with as you explore your love for one another is definitely worthwhile.

-Chapter 4-

DOES AGE REALLY MATTER?

It is a saddening yet interesting discovery that young men are lured by older women and young women are extravagantly pursued by older men everywhere. Basically we young men are competing with our fathers while young women are competing with their mothers; indirect incest .Young men everywhere have sexual relationships with older women despite being in committed relationships with ladies in their age group. The same goes for young women.

Back in high school, a girl I was interested in told me that she prefers man in my dad's age group. The girl was 2 years younger than me to say. What she failed to understand was that most of these older men were actually treating them like prostitutes, they are forever buying sex from them. These paedophiles know that young women are naive, too-forward and highly materialistic. Older men are masters of manipulation as they know how to misuse their authority on younger

women and get away with it. Older men are also abusive. Their abuse is covered by the money and gifts they give to these young women. Worse these older men cheat very close to home, if not even inside your own home.

If a girl that is 2-5 years younger than you is said to be matured for you then how matured is a woman who is old enough to be your mother? Don't underestimate the experience of older women. They have seen and done most of it. You might get peace and less or no drama from dating older women but that doesn't mean she's totally faithful to you. Like your mother hiding money under a vase that is displayed in the sitting room so are older women capable of unfaithfulness in front of your face without you noticing anything at all.

With age comes a lot of experiences not necessarily the maturity to make better life decisions. Maturity doesn't come from age or experience but from deciding to act on knowledge and wisdom taught by the lives of others and God Almighty.

A lady in her prime age is mostly to accept a gentleman who is 2-5 years younger than her for the perceived physical, emotional and sometimes financial benefits

the young man is able to bring to the "table" .Despite what she can gain from him. Her humility in many matters is required unless otherwise the young man in question is quite knowledgeable in many aspects. In most cases, older women are less troublesome, more understanding, respectful and nurturing.

Older men are mostly looking for control, fertility and superiority when they pursue younger women. It is definitely an ego-stroker for these dying lions who however don't escape the peril of unfaithfulness even from these young women.

Pursuing a lady who is your peer or who is 1-2 years younger than you is sometimes good and bad at the same time. Good when both of you have the same values and mindset regarding family. Bad when your values and mindset regarding family clash to great extents.

-Chapter 5-

DATING ACROSS THE RACES

Limiting ourselves just to people of our skin colour hinders diversity. There are various stereotypes regarding this phenomenon and exclusion from your people is the ultimate punishment. People of our race say that it is unusual while other cultures perpetuate this phenomenon as "Taboo".

In the new South Africa, dating across one's racial group shouldn't be a problem especially when both partners are willing to embrace cultural differences and merge key relationship dynamics.

A white-coloured lady, I knew back in varsity confessed to me that she crushes badly on black men but she wouldn't date black men because her family would totally disown her.

Meanwhile interracial affairs are explicit everywhere. Lovers are hiding each other for the fear of being disowned by their families and communities.

Even as Christians, interracial marriage among believers isn't discussed and encouraged more often. The church is guilty on its silence regarding racial unity.

Think about it, perhaps the solution to the marriage problem everywhere is removing racial barriers. It is very foolish how pigmentation, melanin, hatred and misinformation can hinder great love.

However it rests upon us young people to break ancient foolish walls that our forefathers built otherwise our children will live mediocre love lives and have tremendous hatred towards us one day.

MID-TERM LOSS

Congratulations for making it through your first term together. In this new term, things are about to get a bit intense. Oh well! It is total necessary as the rewards get higher so will the challenges and risk of loss increase.

-Chapter 6-

YOUR PARTNER'S NUDITY

Your partner's weaknesses, problems and shortcomings are nobody else's business. This includes faults and mistakes you have forgiven them for.

Unfaithful partners use the above-mentioned factors as a means to draw an affair. It is an old technique of cheaters. They go around talking to men and women of their sexual interest. The excuse will be that he or she was vulnerable.

Now back to reality. Refrain from discussing your partner with someone who isn't them or God Almighty unless you are showing them off or praising them.

Defend allegations made against your partner publicly and privately confront them when there is evidence because external people love to destroy beautiful relationships that they themselves are failing to build.

A lot of people cannot control their tongues so do not even bother sharing your relationship challenges and victories with them. The best way to have a peaceful

relationship is to make everyone else believe that your relationship is hell. People are highly comfortable with negativity.

When you keep your partner's nudity between you, your partner and God Almighty you will notice a lot of change and growth. Your partner will deem you trustworthy, loving and reliable.

There will always be sneaky people who want to get their nose in your business while creating lies at the same time about your partner.

-Chapter 7-

PERCEIVED VALUE VS ACTUAL VALUE

Liking and dating someone will reveal their perceived value while being in a relationship with them will showcase their actual value. One is a fantasy that creates expectations while the other is a harsh reality.

People are smart but not smart enough to pretend for a long time. They will slowly reveal who they really are especially if you aren't what they perceived in the first place. Others are smart enough to carve themselves into your criteria and will only reveal their true nature once they get what they wanted in the first place.

Good relationships occur when the actual value is not far from the perceived value. Consolidation must be undertaken. It is even much better when the perceived value is the actual value.

-Chapter 8-

SEXUAL INTIMACY

We exist in a generation that has the dessert first to only discover that they no longer have appetite for the main cause. Our generation judges the entire meal just based on the dessert, which off course is stupid.

Many young people had sex and got pregnant only to discover that they don't really want to spend their lives together. The child is born to separated parents which places the child in a conflicted reality.

Should we wait to have sex in marriage? Yes! We should, definitely. Waiting helps avoid a lot of unnecessary problems. Two sexually inexperienced people who love each other is still God's greatest idea. Unfortunately, most of our realities are spoiled with conformity and compromise. Should we then remain hopeless and in despair? No! God Almighty forgives and restores. We need to forgive ourselves too. Forgive ourselves for being naive, stubborn and short-sighted.

Sexual intimacy carries a deep connection far beyond socially exaggerated ejaculations and squirts. It joins souls together as each soul surrenders to the other, hence cheating is an intensive violation against yourself above all else.

Imagine the beauty of sleeping and waking up to one sexually satisfying person till death, in a lifetime commitment to each other. Exploration anywhere else is unnecessary if you are convicted to exploring with your willing partner.

Sex is a need to both men and women. Once that need is activated, resistance will depend on your level of self-control, otherwise opportunities to bang are plenty. Marriage doesn't just solve the need for sex magically, the temptation to vastly cheat is still present. Marrying someone that lacks self-control is a problem, just like pre-marital-sex is also a problem of character.

God's idea to enjoy sexual intimacy in marriage is undisputedly the best ever. Sex however is a benefit shared between two loving people.

-Chapter 9-

UNUSUAL AFFAIRS

I have over the young years of my life observed various unusual affairs that were perhaps imaginable until reality struck me with certain discoveries.

1. Siblings

A strange incest between a brother and a sister existed while both of these siblings had partners of their own. They remain undetectable to this day.

2. Step-children

The pure intention of parents is to bring their children together not knowing that their children are in each other's pants to satisfy their lust for each other despite having partners of their own.

1. Aunt and nephew

An unconfessed molestation of a nephew carried out by his aunt during his teenage years erupts into a lifetime affair that remains a secret between them.

4. Uncles and nieces

An unconfessed rape of a niece carried out by her uncle during her teenage years erupts into a lifetime affair that in most cases is confessed by the niece.

5. Pregnant women

Committed, pregnant women can be seen in affairs with other men.

6. Bosses, colleagues, service providers, family friends, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law and mothers-in-law. The list of affairs around in our societies is endless. Some of these affairs are mostly close while others are far.

Prior to entering a relationship, test the level of your prospective partner's self-control. You will be punished later if you don't probe into this early. People's principles and values vary on a large scale. Humans have done it all.

-Chapter 10-

SEEING THE BEST IN YOUR PARTNER

It will amaze you that some partners are ignorant to what makes their partner's heart melt or even the goals that their partners would like to achieve.

Why are you even in a relationship if you are not intending to bring out the best in each other? A relationship is dual and requires selflessness otherwise you are both wasting each other's time.

I was raised by a nurturing father who supported his wife in everything. He understood that the woman he was marrying was highly progressive. My mother understood that the man she married was a risk-taker and an innovator. They always worked to bring out the best in each other. Coming back to you. What potential analysis have you made about your partner or potential partner? What are your insecurities concerning their growth potential? Have you communicated those insecurities? You cannot afford to be careless about your partner's feelings. Don't you think that they too deserve assurance and affirmation?

-Chapter 11-

PLAYING YOUR CARDS OPENLY

Your partner doesn't have to second-guess your where-abouts. This has nothing to do with insecurities but rather a genuine concern for your safety.

When your male partner drives you to work, it doesn't mean that he is insecure that other men will propose you. It is a safety concern and men are protective by nature.

Letting your partner know about your whereabouts is thoughtful of you. Well if you ever want to cheat on your partner, you are the only person who knows how to best and when to do so. Which, however, says a lot about you at the end of the day.

Communication is more effectively built in the little things. Nothing makes a partner feel more valued than when you share even the smallest details about your day.

Opening up about your day lengthens the lifespan of your communication. It also intensifies trust and credibility in each other while giving you the opportunity to hold each other accountable and to correct each other.

Build a friendship where you can express your thoughts and feelings about various things without the fear of being judged.

Communicate on your bad days. Let your partner know whenever you require some time alone rather than punishing them for trying to help you escape your own misery.

Communication rekindles the fire when challenges, longevity and misunderstandings try to take the fire out.

There are many more techniques that ex-lovers use. It is therefore important to gauge someone's mental health before you even date them otherwise you are likely to get others and yourself killed.

POST – TERM LOSS

Right at the final stages of your relationship are challenges that still need to be faced. Everything you have built together will be required to reach birth.

Birth is marriage.

-Chapter 12-

SILENT WARS

Since many partners have various insecurities, wars start based on unproven assumptions. One partner will be suspicious of the other and choose to keep quiet while the same partner will set out to hurt the other. The other party will feel that the pain caused by the other person is undeserved, let alone the unsatisfactory apology that comes with it.

Partners are secretly spying on each other and are noticing every small change in each other. The worse part is when they punish each other based on unproven assumptions.

Female partners most of the time tend hold grudges on their male partners while claiming to have forgiven them and the opposite is also true.

Partners will hurt each other intentionally and act remorseful. There is a tendency in partners to reveal their dark sides on each other, unapologetically so.

These walls exist even in marriage where one partner is intentionally deprived of a particular need especially after they have accounted for their hurtful actions. The aggrieved party doesn't buy the apology and he or she seeks to avenge him or herself. Part of the vengeance is doing things that the other partner doesn't like which will obviously offend them.

They will to want to settle scores. You really have to ask yourself whether your petty and hurtful responses are really worth it, especially for the sake of your relationship and your own peace.

-Chapter 13-

THE REALITY OF PARTNERSHIP

Nothing requires you to have each other's back like a relationship. Here you become everything your partner lacks and they become everything you lack.

Like two soldiers on each other's back so will your relationship require partnership. A partnership will require you to take your partner's intuitional good advice and counsel into various matters. If your partner says something about your business associate, listen to them. Your partner sees where you are blind, hears where you are deaf, walks where you are crippled and is informed where you are ignorant.

There was a time when I was giving up in life by but my partner wouldn't allow me. She kept encouraging me, praying for me and supporting me in all the ways she knew worked on me. It was her selflessness that kept me going. Partnership makes life bearable and allows you to grow in your capabilities with the necessary support.

-Chapter 14-

WHY ISN'T HE MARRYING YOU YET?

Good and sensible men are very cautious with everything they do. There are a few reasons why the good guy you have isn't marrying you yet.

He is not marrying you yet because:

1. *You are selfish.*

Talking about acts of generosity and actually carrying them out are two different things. Your selfishness is shown in how you express your entitlement of things. You withhold help from him and others even when you are able to assist. Your happiness in the relationship is over-rated, you do not care about his needs nor do you correct your mistakes after he has corrected you and confronted you. You don't appreciate his sacrifices.

2. *You are manipulative.*

You tend to put him in a corner where he cannot say “No” to you. You twist and turn his arm the way you

want. You simply take advantage of his kindness unnecessarily so.

3. *You are a liar.*

You tend to lack consistency with your narratives. He excuses your inconsistencies and you take him for a fool.

4. *You are not repentant.*

You never account for your actions so much that you are always shifting the blame back to him or anyone for that matter. You don't reflect and truly do an introspection.

5. *You aren't forgiving.*

You expect to be instantly forgiven yet you hold grudges. You constantly remind everyone that has done you wrong of their offences. You say you have forgiven them but your actions are an expression of vengeance, bitterness and rage.

6. *You don't have a solid backbone*.

You tend to cuddle the feelings of your family, friends colleagues and employees at the expense of your relationship with your partner. You never stand with

your partner or defend him when he is attacked by those who are close to you. Whatever your loved ones say concerning your partner goes.

7. *You are indecisive*

You are not over your past relationship because you keep on bringing it up during conversations. You are hiding conversations between you and your ex.

8. *Poor selection of advisors*

The people you have selected to hold you accountable lack integrity and are always buying your face while agreeing with your foolishness.

9. *You treat others bad.*

You look down and ridicule people who are at your service. You only consider those who can do things for you, those who are primary to you and the rest you disrespect. You are not kind, considerate and friendly.

10. *You don't keep your promises.*

You make irrational promises and you hardly follow-up on those promises. You snap when you are reminded of those very promises.

11. You are materialistic.

All you do is receive and you hardly reciprocate. When you do reciprocate, you want to control whoever you give to. Worse, you make them feel inferior and you put them always at your mercy. You love materialistic things and money more than people.

These are just a few things that good men look into before considering you as a wife.

-Chapter 15-

GETTING OUT WHEN YOU HAVE LOVED FOR REAL

Love is entirely exciting and so often we pursue relationships that have visible and dangerous red flags. At the end of the relationship you realise that you were more of a psychiatric hospital, financial escape plan and a paradise of pleasure for them.

You excused crucial red flags with the hope that your potential partner will grow up and change. Thereafter, you are left drained, in a far much worse state and the person shows no form of remorse other than constant pretence. Why did you stay when you saw no change? Is it the optimism in Love?

It is important to understand that although some people are attractive, persuasive and knowledgeable, they are better left alone.

There are many facades which people put up with the goal of attracting you into their lives. Take the heed of

obvious red flags seriously to save yourself from unnecessary heartbreaks.

Many married folks are not happily married at all. Instead they are just tolerating each other for various reasons.

Understand that when you have served as a good host despite their toxicity, they won't let you go easily. When a good host let's go of you, you tend to want to put on a good fight for them to come back because you certainly understand their value.

Make it clear why you are leaving them so that they can learn and grow from their mistakes for their next relationship.

Rather mourn their departure for a while than to suffocate more in their presence. Grieve until you have healed. Be firm about the decision you have taken to leave completely while leaving no matter unforgiven.

-Chapter 16-

iLOBOLA SAGAS

Many parents are the root cause of their daughters never getting married while others remain single-parents forever. The ridiculous amounts required for damages and bride price (ilobolo) is exactly what's going to keep their daughters home, co-habiting and single-parenting forever.

It's insanely funny how uncles and fathers who are not married in the first place get to negotiate iLobola for a niece and daughter they never even raised; mere titles that sabotage everything. They are bitter and old agents that are threatened by the sensibility of a young man in doing the right thing.

The bride price is not a regulator of the value the woman will add to her potential husband but rather a mediator between families and a token of appreciation to her parents. A token, parents shouldn't use as a sabotage to their own daughter's relationship goal.

Many women are bitter about their own parents sabotaging their relationship goals due to unreasonable and unrealistic bride prices.

Parents seem to be ignorant of the disgrace of being unmarried that is suffered by our older sisters. When tradition is used as a means to sabotage others in pursuit to feed your own greed. You will however bite yourself in the end.

Unfortunately, not even traditional or religious leaders can speak to stubborn parents, uncles and aunts. One would expect the aged to be wise and more understanding in this regard. Time and time again most elders have proven to be immature, immoral and selfish. I mean, this young man is responsible enough to want to rightfully wed your daughter. Respecting you enough as the lady's parents not to violate her or even leave her single-parenting or even steal her but you as her parents are failing to be considerate enough to actualize your daughter's relationship goal.

When these men fail to marry their daughters because of the parents' unrealistic and selfish demands, they are forced to:

1. Legally marry without the parents blessings.

2. Co-habit (Vat-en-sit).

2.1 Temporary co-habiting.

2.2 Permanently co-habiting.

3. Co-parent

4. End the relationship.

5. Marry other partners and have a secret affair.

Some parents charge high bride prices intentionally just to get back at their own daughters for not agreeing to marry who they wanted their daughters to marry in the first place. They also charge high bride prices to chase away their daughter's potential husband for good especially if they dislike him for their daughter. Other parents punish the gentleman by charging high bride prices in the case where she is impregnated by him or has lost her virginity to him.

Most young men don't stay long enough for the lady's parents to be reasonable or to atleast die so that someone sensible will negotiate with him. They find other good women whose parents are sensible and reasonable. So yes! Ridiculous bride prices chase all

kinds of men away and yes! They are men enough to keep away from your toxic families. Rich or not, families need to be reasonable in "Lobola" negotiations.

-Chapter 17-

THE SURNAME SAGAS

When a man begins to have serious conversations with you regarding marriage , you are unfortunately being interrogated. If you refuse to take a man's surname when he marries you, you will experience the following if he proceeds to marry you:

1. He is going to have affairs with women who are more welcoming to the idea of carrying his surname.
2. He is going to leave you either way. He is probably buying some time to carefully plan his escape.

Taking a man's surname is a big deal. We men unfortunately are territorial, egotistical and possessive by nature. Failure to not accept his surname will destroy the relationship, his self-esteem and reputation amongst other men.

Men who accept double-barrel surnames are either up to something or something is really wrong with them or they are just too in love. Double-barrel surnames are highly disrespectful and reduce a man's honour.

However, such is common among celebrities, highly successful women and rich families which of course is foolish and naive.

-Chapter 18-

ENGAGEMENT RING CAGE

Men are very crafty and there is no semi-righteous way to take a lady's virginity than promising to marry her. Church boys do this all the time and it works 95% of the time.

Young eligible men discover unquenchable sexual desire, explore all the other girls with mileage then make their way to the well-behaved and mostly virgin ladies. These men are aware of how stubborn these ladies are and that promising to marry them would however cause these ladies to loosen up on their values and guess what? They 95% of the time fall for the trap. Why? These young hunters will disguise themselves in doing things right. They will approach the girl's parents and pastor. These gentlemen will put on their best behaviour in the process just to lure the sheep in for the slaughter.

The whole aim is to get the lady in question to loosen up. These young men multi-task on their luring

missions, they do multiple sisters in different locations and all of them get that public or private promise to marriage.

Once the mission is accomplished. The gentlemen reveal their true colours, exposing their womanizing traits, display a lot of toxic traits in order to push the lady to end the relationship as they blame the devil. This is a highly successful escape plan.

In some cases, the lady gets impregnated in the process. She is left to either co-parent or single parent while the gentleman moves on to quench his unquenchable sexual desire. This happens mostly when you meet a boy who is trapped in a man's body.

So sisters, engagement rings must be accompanied with a prerequisite letter of “iLobola” to your families. It is really not your fault as women to loosen up after he engages you. It is the fever of marriage that seeks to explode the excitement you have contained in yourself since the dating phase.

Marriage counselling and attending marriage seminars is essential before and after you get engaged.

Sometimes the desperation in our sisters to get married has them staying with abusive, indecisive and unfaithful partners. Women tend to hold on to rubbish that men wouldn't even take from them any day.

-Chapter 19-

AREAS OF STRENGTH

There are four areas where you are supposed to be strengthened in regards to your weakness(es):

1. Your time alone with God Almighty.

2. Your relationship.

3. Your high-quality friends.

4. Your brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

5. Your wise advisors and mentors.

Everyone has some level of weakness. If you aren't willing to wholeheartedly and unconditionally forgive them, help re-direct them to God for strength and to constantly encourage them; leave someone's son/daughter alone.

It is important for you to be Spirit-led, God-fearing and a pursuer of wisdom otherwise you will not go far or become an accountable lover.

TEN TESTS BY MEN THAT WOMEN TEND TO FAIL:

1. *Empathy test*

He vents out to you to share his hurt over something and you just don't care. He is looking for encouragement and sympathy.

2. *Financial strategy*

In the back of a man's mind, he wants to secure financial stability. He has options but needs your input and advice.

3. *Vision support*

He shares his interests and pursuits seeking to see your inputs, interest and knowledge in terms with his vision.

4. *Enrichment test*

Men are teachers by nature, when he has something to share or teach, you tolerate him and basically show no interest in what he is trying to teach. He feels that you aren't compatible. If he cannot teach you, he won’t marry you.

5. *Selflessness test*

He presents a difficult situation that requires your help and you selfishly ignore it. Even if you don't have the money, try atleast to suggest ideas on how he can raise it or even agree to give him a particular percentage if not all of it and do offer to pray for him instantly with some words of encouragement.

6. *Affectionate test*

Men want to be held by the women they love. Kiss him out the blue. Hold his hand in public and hugging him unexpectedly so. If you are married, don't always wait for him to ask for sex, seduce him wildly so!

7. *Initiation test*

You want his time? Create mutually benefitting situations for both of you to be together. However this will require you to be selfless and thoughtful. Learn to give as a receiver, don't be toxic, entitled and prideful.

8. *Translative test*

If man's crush is in a relationship (not married), he proposes to her. If she accepts him or allows him to have an affair with her. He automatically demerits her, that woman is not right for him and the guy that she is married too.

9. *Observational test*

If you treat his friend or brother or colleagues or cousins or boss or any other man far much better than him. He will never take you serious ever again instead he is going to waste your time should he keep you. You my lady have committed the 2nd highest violation to a man's ego.

10. *Truth-test*

Every man has an allowance of lies they can take from their women. Should you exhaust his allowances. You will be dumped or kept for sexual usage. A man will ask you a question today then record your answer. He will ask you the same question 3 months after. If your

narratives change. You will be confronted or dumped or kept for his sexual usage.

The best place for a man to really get to know you is to settle for a friendship with you especially if he really likes you. The "friendzone" will allow him to know things about you that your current boyfriend doesn't even know. You will be reduced to just a sexual reliever especially when he finds out shocking information about you from your own mouth. How you portray yourself as a lady in your relationship and friendships with men will esteem your value to them.

You know what's interesting? If you walk closely with God Almighty, you will ace these tests like nobody's business my lady.

TODAY I GROW YOUNGER WITH YOU

I fought your weaknesses
Because they didn't look good
On my ego.
I chased you away because
I didn't want you to see me
At my lowest.
I didn't want to forgive
Your faults because I wasn't
Willing to free you as my
Forever begging slave.

In no time I looked into the mirror
And I didn't look like love.
I denied the true image reflected
About me so that I may
Not look weak to you.

Your help in many things
Made me feel useless.
Your advices rendered
Me foolish so I
always shut you up.

I closed my ears when you
Prayed hoping that God Almighty
Will not hear your intercessions.

Stubborn you were
As you persisted in a love
I was no longer part off.
Shaking off challengers
And remarking your territory,
You stood strong!

When you decided to leave,
I was happy as I envisioned
The endless opportunities
To gallivant in many vulnerable
thighs as my heart pleased.

Struck by the memories
of your love.
Caged by the vows made.
Haunted by the love
I could wholeheartedly give to you.
I found all other women worthless,

A total bore and ensnaring
to the core.

Work on your heart
Was to be done distinctively,
Despite the advantages
I already had over every
Contending idiot
Disguised as a "friend".

I cleared my pride.
Settled scores with my ego
Reconciled with God Almighty.

Like a decisive solider
I was certain to come back
With you rescued.
Day by day, I moved
Closer to you, my locked target
Wavering not despite
The barriers you had already
Built around yourself
For your own protection.

You noted tearingly

How it was not going to be
Easy to rekindle the dying fire.
So I collected more
Dry wood.

I remained constant in
All the little things I once
Refused to do
that you continuously
Begged me for.

Now and then I would
See you smile at me
When I wasn't looking
And I understood why
Being loved by the man
You highly respect
Gave you life miraculously.

I was close to home
And you, my home
Was all I could think of daily

The bond grew back.
The friendship escalated.
The partnership could not be stop.

On my knees today
With teary eyes
And shaking hands,
Expelling all negativity
And fear of being rejected.
Will you please grow
younger with me my love?

QUOTES

"The greatest marriage is two servants in love and the worst marriage is two selfish people in love". A "Heaven marriage"—where the husband serves his wife, the wife serves her husband, and both are committed to meeting each other's needs". Share experiences. Show interest in him or her. Unhappy marriages begin when a husband and wife stop being friends. Marriage doesn't just take sacrifice, but equal sacrifice. Fairness matters. Problems arise when one spouse sacrifices more than the other. Be vulnerable with each other. Be real. There are no walls in a healthy marriage.

- XO Marriage

"Even when you're mad, think before you talk. The words you say can only be forgiven, not forgotten."

- Unknown

"God Never said marriage was going to be Easy: Marriage is not a bed of roses. Marriage is work. Those that enter marriage must do so with the

understanding that they enter work with no retirement, a school with no graduation, and a battle with no retreat or surrender. Marriage is enjoyable to those that are enduring. But those that expect sweetness without sweat and pleasure without pain are setting themselves up for great disappointment. Marriage is not for quitters. The greatest preparation for marriage is to brace for its exhilarating adventure. The fun of a roller coaster is in its ups and downs. The beauty of marriage is in enjoying the ups and enduring the downs together. Therefore, get on your knees hand in hand together and pray, fast, and fight for your marriage. No retreat! No surrender! Happiness is a personal decision and satisfaction is the state of the mind. Anyone who enters into marriage unsatisfied and expecting to get filled by marriage is bound to experience perpetual emptiness throughout marriage. It's only happy singles that live happily ever after. The greatest gift you can give your spouse is quality uninterrupted time. If you truly love your spouse, there is no valid excuse for the failure to give your spouse quality uninterrupted time. You will always find time for what you value and prioritize. Even the world's poorest person can give time. You can make excuses or

make the time, but you cannot do both. Schedule a regular date with your spouse. Turn your phone off and put it away. I promise that you will not miss anything of value on social media. Lay the remote down and give your whole undivided attention and uninterrupted time to your spouse. Marriage is Not Child's Play: Marriage is serious business for serious people. It is a full-time job that demands the diligence effort, undying commitment, and wholehearted attention of both husband and wife. Do not be deceived by Hollywood's portrayal of marriage as an effortlessly perfect and endlessly blissful relationship - the happily ever after. Nothing could be further from the truth. In real life, where the rubber meets the road, every marriage is an unfinished product and a work in progress and has its ups and downs. It takes endless work, enduring commitment, spiritual stamina, lasting patience, ceaseless prayer, and faith in God to make it work. Adulterous affairs don't begin with sleeping together. Infidelity begins with inappropriate friendships and emotional attachments with people of the opposite sex. Protect your marriage by avoiding private communications and intimate conversations with people of the opposite sex. Keep a healthy

physical, social and emotional distance between you and people of the opposite sex. True love says, "You may disappoint me, frustrate me, and annoy me, but I choose to love you, respect you and care for you anyway. True love is, "for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part."

- Isaac Kubvoruno

"Certainly Christian men should avoid women who are not interested in the things of God, women who don't like children or pets, women who are very controlling, women who having addiction or substance abuse problems, and finally, Christian men should avoid women who only think about themselves".

- Jack Wellman

"Dear child of God ,I am sorry to say that suffering is not optional". ***- Archbishop Desmond Tutu***

" It is the woman who makes some men successful where others fail. The words of an intelligent woman don't lock all doors. They leave the right doors open.

Woman's strength is in her mouth. A woman who apologises never lacks a husband".
-African Proverbs

"Never forget the nine most important words of any family -I love you. You are beautiful.Please forgive me".- ***H. Jackson Brown Jr.***

"Getting married for sex is the same as getting a cow for a liter of milk". ***– Thomas Carlyle***

"When you forgive, you free your soul. But when you say I'm sorry, you free two souls". ***-Donald L. Hicks***

"Marriage and Christianity are one and the same! And marriage even makes us better Christians."

- Charity Msachi

"Marrying the "right" person doesn't exempt you from hardships. Nor does having hardships mean you didn't marry the right person" ***. - K Collins***

"Men talk in straight lines .Women talk in circles. Men rationalize talk. Women emotionalize talk. Men base

talk on facts and women base talk on feelings".
- Bishop Dununu Msibi

“If a guy calls you hot, he is looking at your body. If a guy calls you pretty, he is looking at your face. If a guy calls you beautiful but all three of them still want to sleep with you”. ***– Krizia***

"Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised." ***- Proverbs 31:30***

"The wisest of women builds her house, but folly with her own hands tears it down." ***- Proverbs 14:1***

“Feelings are indicators, not dictators. They can indicate where your heart is in the moment, but that doesn’t mean they have the right to dictate your behaviour and boss you around. You are more than the sum total of your feelings and perfectly capable of that little gift . . . called Self-control.” ***– Lysa TerKeurst***

“There is no man on the face of the earth who can satisfy the deepest longings of a woman's heart — God made us in such a way that we can never be truly satisfied with anything or anyone less than Himself.”

- Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth

“A good wife is one who serves her husband in the morning like a mother does, loves him in the day like a sister does and pleases him like a prostitute in the night”. ***– Chanakya***

*“Any home can be a castle when the king and queen are in love”. -**Unknown***

“ A good marriage is a contest of generosity”.
*-**Unknown***

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   - Enlightened sayings
   - Little lessons
   - What the chief taught the village
   - 7 wise words
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   - Adam where are you?
   - A pilgrim's guide to tertiary.
   - You, your companions and your destiny. - - Beyond the badge.
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